

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF GAS FROM MYANMAR
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to import gas from the neighbouring country, Myanmar keeping in view the relatively unfavourable approach of Bangladesh with regard to gas import;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have finalised the project of obtaining gas through pipelines from petroleum blocks of Myanmar; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c) GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL) has taken an assignment in Block A-1 in Myanmar Offshore alongwith ONGC Videsh Limite (OVL) from Daewoo International Corporation, Korea. The Block was awarded by the Myanmar Oil & Gas Enterprises to Daewoo International Corporation, Korea under Production Sharing Contract in October, 2002. The Block extends over an area of 3885 Sq. Km. off Rakhine Coast in Arakan Offshore in North Western Myanmar close to Bangladesh. In case of significant gas discoveries, GAIL would transport gas through offshore pipeline to Indian territory.